

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023  
Data Response**

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## **Vegetation Management**

### **QUESTION 009**

P. 526 of PG&E's WMP states, "The primary target for secondary patrols is HFTD and HFRA but exceptions and additional areas are included to appropriately address vegetation associated risks." P. 267 states, "Beginning in 2023, PG&E will use the annual review of AOC, that we committed to doing in RN\_PG&E-22-09, to identify areas subject to Second Patrols."

- a) Is there a difference between "secondary patrols" and "Second Patrols" in the two passages quoted above? If so, please explain the difference(s).
- b) In 2022, did PG&E's secondary patrol cover the entire HFTD? Please explain your answer.
- c) In 2023, will PG&E's secondary patrol cover the entire HFTD? Please explain your answer.
- d) Is PG&E planning to cover fewer circuit miles with second patrols in 2023 than were covered in 2022? Please explain your answer.

### **ANSWER 009**

a) In the paragraph on page 526 outlined above, the term "secondary patrols" is used synonymously with the use of "Second Patrols" and both terms refer to Second Patrol. "In accord with regulatory requirements and/or PG&E VM Second Patrol Procedure (TD-7102P-23), the VM Second Patrol program performs scheduled patrols approximately six months offset from the routine patrol on overhead primary and secondary distribution facilities. The primary target for secondary patrols is HFTD and HFRA but exceptions and additional areas are included to appropriately address vegetation associated risks." In the paragraph on page 267, the term "Second Patrols" also refers to Second Patrol.

b) Yes, in 2022 PG&E's second patrol covered the entire HFTD area, with the exception of those areas that were impacted due to various constraints. PG&E can be constrained by environmental delays, individual customer issues, permitting delays/restrictions or operational holds, weather conditions, active wildfire, and accessibility of the area where system inspections have been identified. If the constrained work is compliance related, we work through our VM processes to resolve the roadblock and execute the work. This

would include everything from securing a permit to rescheduling work timing due to field conditions.

c) Yes, in 2023 PG&E's second patrol will cover the entire HFTD area with the exception of those areas that may be impacted due to various constraints. PG&E can be constrained by environmental delays, individual customer issues, permitting delays/restrictions or operational holds, weather conditions, active wildfire, and accessibility of the area where system inspections have been identified. If the constrained work is compliance related, we work through our VM processes to resolve the roadblock and execute the work. This would include everything from securing a permit to rescheduling work timing due to field conditions.

d) Second Patrol areas for 2023 will be the same as 2022 but will be evaluated for potential modifications starting in 2024.